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James S. Denton Appointed as Executive Director of Heldref Publications

James S. Denton was appointed executive director and chief operating officer of Heldref Publications in late September 2006. At the time of his appointment, Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, president of the Helen Dwight Reid Educational Foundation, said, "We are delighted and fortunate to have Mr. Denton join our team, and we are anxious to make use of his well-documented vision, leadership, and management expertise to help take the organization to new heights."

Denton previously served as executive director of Freedom House, where he restored fiscal solvency to the organization, dramatically increasing its budget and leading a massive expansion of its international programs and publishing operations. Subsequently, Denton worked as a communications consultant with clients including public broadcasting, several heads of government, and various cultural organizations and think tanks. He has written, edited, and published major works on human rights, democratic development, and terrorism.